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The great wonders
that are chaunced in the
Realme of Naples,
with a great misfortune
happened at Roine
and in other places, by
an earth quake in
the moneth of
December
last past.

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by I. A. 1566.

Jerem. 18.

When I take in hande to rote out, to
destroy, or to wast any people or king-
dome, if that people against whom I
haue thus deuised, conuerte from their
wickednesse, I repente of the plague
that I deuised to bring vpon them.

Gentle Reader by this little discourse, (high
Which doth containe thinges wonderful &
And that one God doth number dayes & houres
Thy houre to be vncertayne thou mayst see.
In reading it thou mayst likewise remember,
That great Citty called Sodom and Gommor:
To be in great perill to sinke without succour,
Which wil not God alone in fear & faith honoz.

Psal. 107. vers. 33.

For running floudes to dry deserts,
He doth oft chaunge and turne:
And dryeth vp as it were dust,
The springing well and burne.
The fruitfull lande with pleasures deckt,
Full barren doth he make:
When on their sinnes that dwell therein,
He doth iust vengeance take.





Draſmuch (gentle reader) as the
 Lord god the lo-
 uer & preſeruer
 of things which he hath
 created, giueth vs oftenty-
 mes Warninges and fore-
 ſhe wynges, & doth declare
 his diuine power by ſhe w-
 ing of ſygnies and tokens,
 and things more than na-
 turall, as the crāples ther-
 of are verpe familiar and
 playne in holy ſcriptures,
 as wel in the olde as in the
 newe Teſtament, making
 ſometyme the thunders,
 tempeſtes, & earthquakes,

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mini.

The Preface.

ministers and executers of
of his vengeance and iu-
styce. Those his ministers
or scourges, are to admo-
nische vs, and to call vs to
repentance, shewing ther-
by vnto vs his greate cle-
mencie and goodnesse, for
so muche as his heauy dis-
pleasure is kindled towar-
des vs, and his wrath nee-
rer than we be aware of,
whē that we knowing
our selues to be grieuous
sinners, will not repent &
amende our euill and per-
uers life. I thought it ther-
fore good, to put into our
vulgar tongue these won-
derfull

derfull chaunces that are
happened of late dayes, as
well in the borders of Na-
ples, as also within the
Citie of Rome, the. xvi.
xvii. and. xviii. days of De-
cember last past Anno. 1565.
by the which thou mayest
in my iudgemente gather
some fruite, whereby thou
mayst remember the great
and vnspeakeable power
of our good God, and hys
secret iudgement. Where-
fore I praye thee to take
this my litle work in good
part. God of his goodnesse
defende & kepe you. From
Auignon the. xxvii. of Ja-
nuary.

The great Wonders that
are chaunced in the Realine
of Naples, with the great mis-
fortune happened at Rome
by an earthquake in the
moneth of Decem-
ber last past.

The Copp of certayne letters
sent from Naples, to Cardinall Alex-
andrian, of that which hath hap-
pened in the sayd countrey,
the. 16. 17. and 18. dayes
of December last.



First there is overthrowen a
Ballace by the force and big-
lence of the winde and earth-
quake: in the sal wherof was
slaine vnder the sayd Ballace
xxv. persons, standing in a towne called
Reyne, within. xxx. myles of Naples.

Moreover ther are overthrowen by the
like tirrible winde and earthquake, syue
Castelles belonging to the Lorde Cari-
goll,

goll, that is to witte, the Castell Casig-
ham, Valerin, Sainct George, Sainct Lu-
lian, and Sainct Angell, the which at the
very season did sinke, & were swallowed
up. The sayde Castelles were standing
towards Sallerne.

More the Pallace or Castle of Poli-
quam is opened by the Earthquake, the
breadth and measure of fifty spaces.

More there is a Lake nere to the sayd
Castell by Angully, that is dryed up, and
no man can iudge whiche way the water
is gone out, nor what way it hath taken.

More a great floud or Ryuer, that none
could passe without Baarges or Boates,
is likewise dryed up, and the water con-
sumed and gone.

Likewyse in the towne of Basillicat,
the Byschoppes Pallace, and the greate
walles compassing the sayde Pallace, is
also thowen downe.

The floude and water of Neuo that
was verye great, is also losse and cleane
consumed, as the others afozenamed, eight
dayes before the Earthquake.

The Castle of Vicelle, fell downe by
night,

The vvonders.

nighte, and a litle towne nere vnto it, with a great numbet of houses and Villages, and there is made count of twelue thousande people that are slayne.

The Castle of Cappello is almoste all shaken down, with the death of seven hundred persons.

There hath bene such a wind at Rome that it hath blowne downe a great many houses, and throlwen downe a great number of trees, since the 17. and 18. of December last past.

The Ryuer of Tiber was sene couered with sucbe a quantity of dead fyshes, that they thinke not so many to be left lying in the sayd Riuier, as there was sene deade.

The pestilence or plague is greuouser in Turkey than euer it was, and the Turk is so combred with warre, that he requyretb helpe of the Christians.

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Felix quem faciunt aliena pericula cautus.

An admonition of warning to England.

L O here O Englands thou,
thy fatal end mayst see:
A warning great if thou be wise,
this same may be to thee.
Beholde what noble things
are come to ruine great: **(know,**
When fruites are ripe, thou well dost see
then are they pluckt to eate.
The sunne is very ripe,
the banks doe ouer flowe:
The tyme will come when thou shalt be,
like these be brought as lowe.
If thou doe not repent,
when mercy standes in gate:
I feare me when thou wilt best sayne,
that it will be to late.
Take tyme while tyme doth giue,
a laysure for the same:
Remember well that tyme hath face,
and she is nothing lame.

Before

An admonition

Before long haire she bath,
behinde she quite is polde;
But to thy hande, and of her lockes,
see that thou take good holde.
Fall nowe for to repent,
for lo, she still doth stande:
And eke beholde howe for to cutte,
her Sythe is in her hande.
Not foure Monthes fully past,
since these were lyke to thee:
And now the arch hath gaped so wyde,
that swallowed vp they be.
What was the cause right well,
the scripture vs doth shewe:
It was the very sinnes of them,
that brought those townees so lowe.
Thy sinnes do more abounde,
what filth is not in thee:
Why shouldst not thou be swallowed like
as all these Castelles be?
But that the mighty God
of his abundaunt grace:
Doth yet in mercy graunt to thee,
somewhat of longer space.
Consider howe he fierce
of late hath delt with thee;

Wraule

to Englande.

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Because these Castelles and thy selfe,
after might warned be.
And now because nothing,
could make them to repent:
From thee he did transport to them,
his grienous punishment.
Thy warning could not serue,
ne yet theirs could serue thee:
Well now for their refusall great,
swallowed by they be.
Amend my country still,
I thee desire and pray:
For I a member of thy state,
were loth thou shouldst decay.
Beholde thy loving Lorde,
his Sworde is in his hande:
Thee to the earth to fling in pye
what can his force withstande?
Can mighty gates of brasse,
can Castels strongly builde:
his force withstande: his very breath,
these Castels quite hath spilde.
No meane there is in dede,
that can his plagues withstande:
But onely this repentance may,
by mercy stay his hande.

Repent

An admonition

**Repent in tyme therfore,
to God for mercy cry:
Which when thou doest his mighty hand
he stayeth by and by.
For thus he playne doth say,
when sinners shall relence:
And turne from sinne, I euen then
lykewise my selfe repente,
Of all the plagues which I
vpon them thought to bring:
Lo here the mercy great I say,
of our most heauenly king.
Their sinnes I all quite forgette,
if they will turne to me:
I will remember them no more,
though thousandes that there be.
Remember Ninine,
how that when god had sente:
Jonas the Prophet vnto them,
they straight wayes did repent,
Whereof did come that God,
his wrath did still restrayne:
Repent therfore in tyme I say,
so mayst thou still remaine.**

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